

American Legion Post #49

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2008

Roll Call:	Present	<u>Absent</u>
	Stanley Walild, Commander	Doug Nelson, 1 st Vice
	Sheldon Booth, 2 nd Vice	Barney Regnier, Adjutant
	Dennis Barton, Finance Officer	Rodney Cockerel
	John Lammert, Historian	
	Roxanne Resmer, Service Officer	
	Gene Maul, Chaplain	
	Vern Harsch, Judge Advocate	

Membership Present: Tom Tranker, Jim Montgomery, Dick Kennedy, Kevin Luerguson, Bob Haven, Victor Morris, Sheldon Booth, Ken Kelly, Rick Cayputer (SAL Rep.)

Stan read the resignation of Barney Regnier and indicated that we could not have a meeting unless an Adjutant was assigned for the night due to a lack of quorum. Victor Morris was assigned to be adjutant for this meeting and the Committee (executive committee) will assign a full time adjutant by the next meeting.

This position was discussed with Paul Hogan and the Committee voted to offer this position to him.

There was then a motion to accept the resignation of Barney Regnier. The motion was seconded and **was passed by a vote of the membership.**

Minutes from September 7, 2008 meeting were reviewed by the membership. Victor noted that there was not any mention of the discussion concerning the membership vote to send a donation to Gene Maul at the Bangor Post for the VA in Battle Creek so it could be combined with the lawn mower ride fund raiser for the VA. The check was sent directly to the VA not indicating that it was from the lawn mower ride. Dennis indicated that he did as he was told even though he was at the meeting that the donation was approved by the membership.

Vern moved to have the above entered in this month's minutes and that the minutes from August then be approved. **Motion was seconded and passed by the membership.**

Finance Report: Dennis passed out a pie chart with %s of income and expense. Victor asked for a clarification on the indication that pull tabs are shown as income and an expense when the gaming commission specifically indicates that this is not allowable and showing pull tab as an income gives an overall false/positive of the post's financial situation. It was also brought up that the membership would like to see the actual numbers in the financial report.

Vern then indicated to Victor that he felt that he was bring this subject up because he was angry about losing the election and that the discussion was a waste of time. Victor indicated that the membership had been requesting a debit/credit report for many years and not receiving it and this month's question was just a follow up of years of requests. Victor also indicated that he would continue this request until the Finance Officer supplied this report to the membership. He also indicated that with the new soft ware package that it was not any additional work. Dennis indicated that he supplied this report to the Committee but not the membership because the membership had elected the Committee and it was their job to represent the membership. He also indicated to Victor if he wanted to see the report he should run for the Committee and get elected to it. Victor then made a motion that the Finance Officer provide a financial report to all members that included the specifics of all monies incoming and outgoing. Vern told Victor that he would have to bring this up during the new business portion of the meeting. It was agreed by all that the pie chart was more than the membership had received in years. Dennis then gave the account balances as follows; Operating Fund \$11,691.41; Uniforms 3089.84; building Fund 8,148.57; Membership Fund 2,724.93; Veterans fund 812.04; Breakfast Fund 17,902.68.

There was then a motion made by Chuck to accept the financial report motion was seconded and **passed by the membership.**

Adjutant Report: None due to Barney's resignation

Board of Directors Report: Given by Jim Montgomery and was approved by the membership. Jim also indicated that Don Sinkler had rosined from the Board of Directors.

Auxiliary Report: none

Riders Report: none refer to Bd. Of Directors Report

Old Business: Glen brought up the correct name for our current conflict is "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and it is incorrect on the memorial and should be corrected. Motion made, seconded and **approved by the membership.**

Olsen Brothers has begun working on the Memorial that was previously approved by the membership. Chuck brought up addition wear on the memorial and that this should also be worked on and when completed sealed. Chuck made the motion; it was seconded and **approved by the membership.**

Stan then read a letter from the Liquor Commission indicating that our hall rental agreement wording should be changed from renter/ rentee to usage and user. Jim indicated that he would take care of the changes. A motion was made to accept the liquor commotions' suggestion, seconded and **approved by the membership.**

Tommy Tranker then brought up the question of who is in charge of disciplinary action in the club. It was indicated that the Bd. of Directors was. Tommy then asked why the Ex. Committee issued him a 5 year probationary letter. He went on to indicate that he knew how and why it was issued by the executive committee. He went on to explain the vindictive feelings that Barney had towards him even going as far as to file 3 false police reports. He also expressed that even though the EX Board was aware of these false reports no disciplinary action was taken against Barney. Tommy was further informed that the situation would be discussed at an upcoming meeting but prior to the meeting Paul Hogan gave him a letter and told him to either sign it or he would be removed from the American Legion completely.

Chuck indicated that the National By-Laws do not have a probation status, rather a member is either in good standing or not.

Chuck then made a motion that the probationary letter be expunged and destroys any information relating to this situation. The executive board decided to take care of this situation immediately and since it was an executive board action only one of them could make the motion. Vern then made the above motion, it was seconded by Dennis, a vote of the Ex. Board was taken, the motion **passed by a vote of the executive board.**

Stan also indicated that there have been a lot of errors made in the past that that he was committed to correcting the past problems.

Roxanne and Don Sinkler left the meeting at 8:40 PM

Rich Shaffer asked why an executive board member left during an important discussion and prior to the end of the meeting. He could not be given a reason by the executive board.

New Business: Stan brought up a suggestion from Victor that all past and future past commanders be given a "Paid for Life Membership" for their service. Victor made a motion for the above, there was discussion both pro and con and after looking at the expense the motion died due to no second.

Victor then made a motion that the finance officer provides the membership with a financial report that indicated the actual debt/credit amount at all meetings rather than the general report he currently furnished the membership which were nebulas. Dennis indicated to Victor that he was the only one who wanted this. Rich Shaffer then indicated that there was not any reason for the membership to not get the actual numbers and that he also wanted to see a full report with the dollar amount in specific areas and that with the new software this was an easy task and took no more work than his current reports

Victor then indicated that this was the second time this meeting that he was personally attacked by executive board member because of his beliefs and his desire to have specific and accurate information concerning the posts financial standing available to him as a member and the membership in general.

The motion was seconded and **passed by the membership, 10 for, 4 against all 4 against were executive committee members. Motion passed**

Dennis then made a motion that the current commanders picture should be posted in the hall while he was in command of the post. The motion was seconded **and passed by the membership.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM